

**MEMO**NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TO Julius G. Tivald
FROM Harry B. Hornikel DATE April 4, 1984
SUBJECT National Smelting of New Jersey, Inc. - 65015
Pedricktown

Mr. Gerald Soffian of USEPA Region II had requested that I accompany him on a tour of the NSNJ facility. The trip was scheduled for 3-22-84 through Mr. John Wentz at 1000 ... called to cancel the next day's visit because the company had filed for bankruptcy.

On 3-22-84 I went to NSNJ accompanied by the following persons:

Gerald Soffian - USEPA - Chief, Implementation Section,
Air Programs Branch
Michael Scherer - USEPA - Env. Specialist, Implementation Section,
Air Programs Branch
Angelo DiGenni - NJDEP - SFO
Alan Bookman - NJDEP - Air Quality Management

The guard said that Mr. Wentz was no longer employed and that there were only three people in the plant - the bookkeeper and two production supervisors. He called the home office in Atlanta, Ga. and I spoke to Mr. Allen Fields of Standard Metals Corp. the parent company of both National Smelting and Refining, Inc. and NSNJ. He said no one was permitted in the plant except the bookkeeper who was now working for Standard Metals and that I would have to contact Mr. Henry Boston, Sr. Vice-President of the National Bank of Georgia to gain admittance. I told Mr. Fields that two NSJS supervisors were in the plant and that the company would be in violation of NJSA 26:2C-9.1 if entry was denied. Mr. Fields informed the guard to remove the two supervisors from the premises and to allow Messrs. Soffian, Scherer, DiGenni, Bookman to accompany me on a tour of the plant.

The five inspectors then toured the plant alone. The facility appeared about the same as on the last inspection. Slag was stored in the open in several areas and there was still some undetermined lead-bearing materials stored in the battery yard. A considerable amount of water covered the area east of the battery processing building and also covered the area east of the rotary kiln between the kiln baghouse and the sanitary baghouse. All of the refining kettles were empty and no lead buttons produced by the kiln were seen. A very small amount of finished lead ingots were seen in the warehouse. Raw material was seen in the buffer storage building and covered the roadway between this building and the battery yard.

It is recommended that Standard Metals Corp. (Allen Fields 404-876-7361) or National Bank of Georgia (Henry Boston 404-586-8390) be contacted regarding the cleanup of this site.


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